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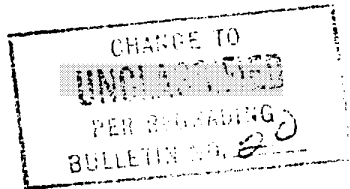
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## SUMMARY

To the theme of Sino-Soviet solidarity, stressed by Soviet speakers, the China Youth Congress has enrolled all participants as a body in the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association. Meetings and exhibits honoring Stalin and Gorki, continued emphasis on Russian books for colleges, and revived use of the term "Ankang" are other indications of increasing importance attached to Sino-Soviet unity. Reports that Soviet publications stress the work of Soviet experts in China suggest Russian inspiration for the increased propaganda emphasis on their work. However, in one Northeast factory Chinese workers reportedly solved an operational problem of three years' standing simply by tightening a belt, a solution which the Soviet experts apparently overlooked.

Arrest of numerous Catholic leaders follows suppression of Taoist sects. The victims are not only charged with counterrevolution and espionage, but also with "living a secluded life," which is interpreted to mean an aloofness from Communist activities. Claims that rank and file Catholics attend meetings to approve the leaders' arrests suggest plans to promote a Party-controlled Catholic organization. Other efforts to tighten the Party hold and promote Russification are shown by stress on the Youth Corps' function of supplying the Party with reliable members, and attempts to relate basic construction activities to the coming Communist Party Anniversary. Release of 400 employees from the Ministry of Heavy Industry indicates that basic construction is retarded. Ideological study is mentioned as a method to promote the construction program.

Special tribunals are established to try counterrevolutionaries, including saboteurs of the approaching elections. Local indifference to the use of informers' letters, a valuable tool against nonconformists, also is noted. Peasant dissatisfaction is apparently aggravated by drought, reduced production, and increased official grain collections. The number of Northeast cooperatives is to be reduced by 25 percent, from the original plan, and the seriousness of the Southwest drought is admitted even though only recently increased wheat shipments from that area were claimed. The Western trade embargo against China is denounced for allegedly ruining Southeast Asian tin and rubber industries. Far from admitting that the embargo hurts China, Peking makes the claim that Western trade restrictions actually increase the Asian nations' demand for commercial relations with China.

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